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PER ANNUM.

Bank.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$6,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS.....\$10,000,000

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ST. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.—Chairman.
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On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent.

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INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1897.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted

by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be

obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ per

Cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option

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DEPOSIT at 4 per Cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,

AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$300,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-HOLDERS.....\$300,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$150,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT

ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per

annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.

6 " 3½ " 3 " 2½ "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,

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Hongkong, 19th October, 1896.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,

LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....\$1,000,000

Subscribed Capital.....\$500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:

D. Gillies, Esq.; Chow Tung Shang, Esq.

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Chief Manager,

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Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893.

Intimation.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day RESUMED the duties of

SECRETARY of the COMPANY.

By Order,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1897.

NOTICE.

A GENTLEMAN of GOOD POSITION

occupying a FINE HOUSE (higher-level

—5 ROOMS and big TENNIS GROUND)

wishes to share the House with One or Two

Gentlemen; if agreeable, A Mess could be

arranged.

Correspondence invited sub.

W. W.

c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1897.

KUHN & KOMOR,

JAPANESE FINE ART CURIOS,

21 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG,

35, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA

and

36, DIVISION STREET, KOBE.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL

1,400 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,

"EXCELSIOR," HONGKONG.

A. B. C. Code.

THE TEMPERATURE IS AT LEAST 10 DEGREES COOLER THAN IN

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TIFFIN AT 1 P.M.

ARRANGEMENTS can be made for TIFFIN or FINNER PARTIES in

PRIVATE DINING-ROOMS.

For further Particulars, apply to

THE MANAGER,

MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL

Hongkong, 17th July, 1896.

Intimation.

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1854.

CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY.....\$2,480,053

NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIUM.....\$75,478

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company, we are prepared to accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, and January, 1897.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSSEN & Co., Hongkong, 28th May, 1895.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000; \$83,333.33.

RESERVE FUND.....\$318,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

LEE SING, Esq. LO YEEU MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHU, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken

at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the

World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAVA WEST,

Hongkong, 1st December, 1897.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept

MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,

&c., Polities granted to all parts of the world

payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE:

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,

Hongkong, 1st February, 1897.

Auctions.

AUCTION.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

ON

TUESDAY, the 23RD FEBRUARY, 1897,

AT 3 P.M.

Opposite the CITY GRIFFIN

and upwards of FIFTY PONIES,

Suitable for Racing, Polo, &c. Selections

from the Largest Stables.

Further entries received until NOON on day

of Sale.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1897.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions

to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

ON

THURSDAY, the 25th February, 1897,

commencing at 2.30 P.M.

at No. 4, Blue Buildings, Picas East,

belonging to the

BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS'

ASSOCIATION.

Comprising—

SITTING ROOM FURNITURE.

COFFEE PIANO, by SCHROEDER, PIC-

TURES, CURTAINS, CARPETS, MIRRORS,

&c.

ONE BILLIARD TABLE, by LAZARUS,

Calcutta, with BALLS, CUES, MARKING

Entertainment.

CHOICE AUSTRALIAN WINES
FROM THE CELEBRATED
COOLALTA VINEYARDS,
NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE COOLALTA WINES, which we are introducing here for the first time give an unexceptional opportunity to Wine Connoisseurs to sample really HIGH CLASS AUSTRALIAN WINES of low alcoholic strength.

COOLALTA WINES cannot be surpassed for their absolute Purity, High and Even Quality, Bodacity, and soft delicate flavour; and, being the natural product of the grape, they are specially recommended by the Medical Faculty of New South Wales.

COOLALTA WINES have obtained the HIGHEST AWARDS at all the principal International Exhibitions of the World.

A careful Analysis of these Wines was recently made by the Government of New South Wales. They were found to be PERFECTLY PURE, SOUND and THOROUGHLY FERMENTED WINES.

SAMPLES may be had FREE on application to

Messrs. CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO., Sole Agents for Hongkong.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1897.

To-day's
Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR
DRAMATIC CLUB
WILL GIVE PERFORMANCES OF
"LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE,"

ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:—

TO-NIGHT
(SATURDAY), the 20th February, 1897.
MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1897.
WEDNESDAY, the 24th February, 1897.
SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1897.
TUESDAY, the 2nd March, 1897.

Doors Open each Night at 8.30 P.M.

Performance at 9 P.M., precisely.

PRICES:—\$3, \$2 and \$1.

Half-price to Soldiers, Sailors and Police in Uniform.

LATE TRAMS will run 3 hours after the fall of the Curtain.

The BOOKING-OFFICE at the THEATRE ROYAL is open

From 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. daily.

E. W. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1897.

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Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES
AND
SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the DISPENSARY before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After-Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest Priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure COGNAC, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKEY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From Persian Gulf, ex S.S. *Nurstan* and *Gov.*
Goods not cleared by the 25th instant, at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatsoever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here after which no claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1897.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.
THE Company's Steamship
"HAIMUN."

Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 23rd instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1897.

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Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK &
COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & CO.'S WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a daily qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufacturers.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEETINGS and other Large Consumers.

Any complaint should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1897.

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TO SUBSCRIBERS.

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NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertising, &c., be addressed to "The Manager, *Hongkong Telegraph*" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to the Manager.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication; but an answer of good faith.

What we publish in "The Hongkong Telegraph" will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondence of all questions affecting public interest; it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all copies intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than Three O'clock so as to be ready for the early publication of the paper.

The *Hongkong Telegraph* has the largest circulation of any English newspaper published in the Far East, and is therefore the best medium for advertising.

The *Hongkong Telegraph* is the number one telephone Central Exchange in No. 1. Telegraph address "Telegraph, Hongkong."

Hongkong, 20th February, 1897.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Pigmy* sailed yesterday for Bangkok.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS at 10 a.m. on Monday.

MEETING of the Dock Company at noon on Monday.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE CO. meeting at noon on Monday.

THE new term at Queen's College opens on Monday next.

DUTIES will be resumed at Diocesan School next Monday.

CHUNG KIU, a boatman, was today fined \$25 for anchoring in the Eastern Fairway on the 18th inst.

M. DOUGHERY, the new Governor-General of India, arrived at Saigon by the *Melbourne* on the 13th inst.

THE U.S.S. *Detroit*, which was flying a very large ensign and also the paying-off pennant, left to-day for Bangkok.

THE *Pioneer* avers that one of the results of the plague at Bombay is that litigation has come to an almost-absolute standstill there.

MATTHEW EVANOVITCH, a Russian bluejacket, was this morning fined \$10 for being drunk and disorderly at Tsim-sha-tsun on the 19th inst.

HERR VON HARTMANN, the German Minister Resident at Bangkok, had an unpleasant experience on the 29th ultimo. He was out for his evening drive and a Chinaman, who would not get out of the way, was knocked down by the carriage and was over. Some police soon attempted to arrest Herr von Hartmann, who offered his card. A struggle ensued and Mr. E. L. Bennett, who came to the aid of the Minister, was assaulted. The police got Herr Hartmann to the station, where he was detained for half an hour. The German Consul reported the matter to the Foreign Minister, and a couple of days afterwards a public *amende* was made before a large official gathering. The offending police, including an inspector, were dismissed from the force; a band played *Wacht am Rhein*, and a salute by the assembled police and military to Herr von Hartmann brought the little episode to a close.

WILLISON'S CIRCUS had a crowded audience last night, and a good programme was given, including some new equestrian feats, all being loudly applauded. The performance of the trained apes was a clever display and the "educated" ponies were very much admired, the intelligent little creatures doing all credit to their trainers. At the close of the programme the tug-of-war was continued, the contestants being a team from C. Co. of the West Yorks and one from the Asiatic Artillery. The first pull was short but stubborn and the stalwart "gun lascars," directed by Capt. Burney, soon had the infantry men across the line. Ends were changed for the second pull and C. Co. made a game but futile stand against the gunners, who, after a few minutes' hard tugging, again scored a win. Mr. C. T. Robinson acted as referee. The Asiatic Artillery and a Police team pull to-night to decide who takes the prize.

THE *Minerva*, cruiser, was to be commissioned at Chatan on Feb. 4th, and with the *Endymion*, cruiser, Capt. W. Wilson, is to be employed in conveying new crews to the China Station for the *Centaur* and the *Rattler*.

WE beg to acknowledge receipt, with many thanks, of an invitation to attend the Joint Competitive Exhibition of the Eight Prefectures of Kiushiu and Okinawa Provinces at Okiwa Park, which was opened at Nagasaki on the 11th inst.

THE SMALL-FOX EPIDEMIC.

TOKIO, February 6th.

The Home Department has arranged to spend 50,000 men in defraying expenses incurred by local authorities in carrying out measures for the suppression of the small-fox epidemic.

JAPANESE INTRIGUES IN KOREA.

SEOUL, February 6th.

The Korean Government has published the findings of the inquiry into the recent intrigue, to get the king out of the Russian Legation. The findings affirm that Japanese were implicated therein.

MINISTERIAL.

TOKIO, February 6th.

The Portuguese Ministry has resigned.

THE CURRENCY QUESTION IN JAPAN.

TOKIO, February 6th.

The Ministers of State of the Satsuma clan have had under consideration a proposal to change the currency standard of Japan from silver to gold. Count Okuma has hitherto been opposed to the idea, but a plan has now been devised which would not disturb financial credit and Count Okuma has been induced to approve the proposal. It is to be discussed shortly at a meeting of the Cabinet. The question is now under the consideration of the Finance Department and the officials of the Bank of Japan.

It is reported from a trustworthy source that it is proposed that the one-yen gold piece shall be made equal to the value of one yen silver.

INTEREST IN INDIA.

TOKIO, February 6th.

A dispatch received at the Foreign Office yesterday announced that the rate of interest in India had advanced to 12 per cent. Such a high rate has never been known before. It is due to the large purchases of rice from Burma and to the disorganisation caused by the plagues.

(From *Bangkok Observer*.)

EGYPT.

LONDON, February 4th.

Russia has joined France in objecting to England advancing to Egypt the cost of the Soudan expedition.

ABYSSINIA.

LONDON, February 4th.

Prince Henri d'Orléans has started on a visit to the Negus. A Commercial Convention between France and Ethiopia having been ratified in which the independence of King Menelik is recognized.

THE REBELLION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

To the courtesy of Sefur J. de Navarro, Spanish Consul, we are indebted for a copy of the following despatch from the Governor-General of the Philippines, dated Manila, February 10th:—

First part plan realized. Success has favoured the effort of the troops engaged. Siliang has been taken, with little loss, notwithstanding the great defence made by the rebels. The Spanish flag was hoisted at 11.30 this morning amidst great enthusiasm, the rebels playing the national anthem.

NEW IMPORT TARIFF.

Kobe, February 10th.

We learn from a Tokio *versacular* paper that the statutory import tariff is to be submitted to the Diet in a few days. The draft has recently been returned by the Foreign Department to the Finance Department with some corrections.

Some 200 imported articles are enumerated in the tariff, among which it is interesting to learn that the maximum duty imposed upon wigs, girdles and similar articles will be 40 per cent. The minimum rate proposed in the tariff is 5 per cent. The word "Chrysanthemum" is the fearful name of a poisonous colouring substance sometimes used in making cheap brandy, and, from what we have heard, it is as bad as it looks in print.

MAJOR Pemberton, 4th Brigade, was due at Singapore on the 10th inst. from home to rejoin his battalion. Lieut. Lord Conyngham, it is understood, will not return to Singapore from home so soon as was previously expected, but Lieut. C. W. C. Knox and Lieut. W. R. W. Digby will arrive there shortly from leave.

H.M.S. *Eolus* left for England to-day a little after 11 a.m. She steamed through the fleet and her crew were heartily cheered by the crews of the other warships, British and foreign, and the bands of the *Centurion* and *Grafton* played as she passed. The crew and band of the homeward-bound ship returned the compliment in good style.

In his *Weekly Share List* issued to-day Mr. Erich Georg says:—During the early part of the week a steady business has been going on at advancing rates as far as Hongkong Fives, Boats, China Sugars, Docks, Ropes and Pajongs are concerned, but business during the latter part of the week under review has been interrupted by the Race holidays, the market, however, closing firm for most stocks.

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In India, at elsewhere (say, a correspondent), bicycles are in full favour just now. Even the jockeys use them, and it is curious to see the number that are ridden down to the racecourse every morning. A well-known trainer says that the majority of jockeys won't ride a horse down to the course, but prefer their bikes. A Cycling Gymkhana was held a little while ago in Calcutta. The programme embraced a musical ride on military lines, a riding competition for ladies, tent-pulling on cycles, and some comic and novel events.

A LOCAL Japanese paper, says the Yokohama *Herald*, reports that Mr. Dickinson, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, was robbed of 31 articles of clothing and 285 yen, by Tsuchiya Sakichi, a boy employed at the Club Hotel, where Mr. Dickinson was lodging. The man pawned the clothes with a pawnbroker at Motomachi Ichibone, but Mr. Dickinson having given information to the Settlement Police, Mr. Nakajima, a detective, found the stolen clothes in the pawn-shop, whereby the culprit was traced and he was arrested on the 30th ult.

THE London & China *Express* hears that the regulations the Japanese have made with regard to the camphor trade of Formosa are still the subject of diplomatic negotiation. Seeing that, in only about two years' time the interior of Japanese territories will be open to trade and residence by foreigners, there seems a very good case that what existed as custom under the Chinese Administration should continue for a short time until it becomes, by treaty, a right. There is naturally some difficulty in the matter but the British Government is doing what it can, and feels somewhat strongly on the way the Japanese Administration has treated British subjects in the camphor trade.

THE last mail brought news of another wreck involving the loss of four lives, on the rocks near Ushant, not far from where the *Drummond Castle* was lost. The ill-fated vessel was the steamer *Belgrave*, bound from Bayonne to Antwerp, which got out of her course, as the survivors allege, through some defects in the light ashore, and struck on the rocks. She very quickly filled and sank. Eleven of the crew got into the second lifeboat, and, after drifting for thirty-six hours and suffering terrible privations, were picked up by the *Glen Dorchet* and landed on Jan. 9th at Dover. Three others got in a small boat and succeeded in reaching Brest. The captain (Capt. Karsring) refused to leave his vessel, and he and the remaining three of his crew were lost.

THE dress rehearsal of "Les Cloches de Corneville" by the Amateur Drama's Club took place last night at the Theatre Royal, before a full house. The piece went off without a hitch and the stage manager and conductor deserve every praise for the able manner in which the piece has been staged and the chorus trained. The scenery is most effective, especially in the second act where some fine moonlight effects are introduced. The dresses are pretty and the colours so arranged as to avoid any clashing one with another. Serpentine's costume in the last act is particularly striking while the "get up" of Gobo is comical in the extreme. The piece however, appears to be rather long and if many encores are reported to will probably need cutting down a little to avoid treading on the heels of the morning.

THE CHINESE IN FORMOSA.

The question of the status of Chinese in Formosa has again come up for discussion. Art. V of the Shimomoseki Treaty reads as follows:—

The inhabitants of the territories ceded to Japan who wish to take up their residence outside the ceded districts shall be permitted to sell their real property and retire. For this purpose a sum of two years from the date of the exchange of the ratifications of the present Treaty shall be granted. After the expiration of that period those of the inhabitants who shall not have left such territories shall, at the option of Japan, be deemed to be Japanese subjects.

In regard to this question, the *Yorodome Choko* learns from the authorities of the Colonial Department that the number of the Chinese residents in Formosa at present is between 2,000,000 and 2,500,000. During the time of Count Kabayama's tenure of the office of Governor-General, a notice was issued from time to time, reminding the Chinese that they were at liberty to dispose of their real estate and leave the island during two years from the date of the Shimomoseki Treaty and that those who elected to go would have their passage money paid. They were also reminded that if they delayed disposing of their estates until the last moment, prices would decline, and they would probably find a great difficulty in finding buyers. Few of them, however, were influenced by the warnings of the Governor-General and only two well-known men, Liu Wu-yen and Liu Chang-tung, made preparations to leave the island. Under such circumstances the Chinese now residing in Formosa, who number about two millions and half, will, it is to be presumed, become Japanese subjects after the 8th May this year.

The *Tokio* journal goes on to state that the question is arousing much interest and discussion among Japanese politicians, who ask whether these new Japanese subjects, attired in Chinese dress and wearing a queue, will not bring discredit upon real Japan. It is also asked what will happen when men declaring themselves Japanese, but wearing a queue, desire to obtain admission into America and Australia. A question is therefore to be submitted in the House of Representatives concerning the status and treatment of the Chinese in Formosa after the 8th May. The *Yorodome Choko* understands that no definite policy has yet been formed by the Government, but it is believed that "the rights of the new subjects in Formosa will be in some way distinguished from those enjoyed by the Japanese subjects proper," which means, we presume, that certain disabilities will be imposed on them. It is also understood that some measures of control will be adopted over those who proceed to the mainland or emigrate to foreign countries to engage as labourers, though how this will be possible we fail to see. However, it is thought improbable in the present condition of affairs in Formosa that the palet will arise in practice, as very few Chinese leave the island to go abroad as labourers. The whole question, however, is surrounded with difficulties, and it will be interesting to discover how they are surmounted. *Chronicle*.

THE HONGKONG RACES.

Stewards:—H.E. Sir William Robson, K.C.M.G.; H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir Alex. Bailey, K.C.B.; H.E. Major-Gen. Wilson Black, C.B.; Com. S. C. Holland, R.N., A.D.C.; Lt.-Colonel The O'Gorman, C.S.O.; The Hon. J. J. Bell Irving; The Hon. C. P. Chater; A. Coxon, Esq.; D. Gillies, Esq.; R. M. Gray, Esq.; M. Grote, Esq.; C. F. Harter, Esq.; T. Jackson, Esq.; The Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G.; The Hon. T. H. Whitehead.

Clerk of Scales:—C. F. Harter, Esq.

Judge:—The Hon. C. P. Chater.

Starters:—M. Grote, Esq.

Second Starter:—S. A. Deacon, Esq.

Comptroller:—A. Coxon, Esq.

Clerk of the Course:—T. F. Hough, Esq.

Off-Day, SATURDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY.

There was no break in the bleak cloudy weather of the last three days, the natural sequence being a considerable falling off in the attendance. The contests were fairly interesting, but the *MAFOS*' CHAMPIONS, which was won very easily by Dublanc, was short of the usual excitement attached to this popular event owing to the lack of judgment with which Boomerang and White Rose were ridden; the billing pace they went for the first 2 miles completely precluding a tussle with the Amy star in the Straight.

WE greatly regret to have to record a most unfortunate, and we fear serious, accident that happened to Mr. Hart Buck while he was riding *Voltaire* in the Steeplechase. He started favourably and went splendidly throughout until the last jump was reached. In "taking off" for this he appeared to stumble. He fell heavily in negotiating the ditch, throwing his rider and rolling over him. The pony soon got up, but the rider did not move, and the police running up discovered he was seriously hurt and insensible. Dr. Atkinson and Surg. Capt. Edge, who witnessed the accident, were soon on the spot and brought him round, but he was, we regret to say, so seriously injured that it was necessary to carry him off in a police ambulance straight to hospital.

Before closing this notice of the races we must give the Police a well-deserved word of praise for the manner in which they performed their duties throughout the meeting. The men on duty on the course were under the control of Deputy Superintendent Corcoran and Chief Inspector Mackie and they performed their duties very efficiently. The important matter of regulating the traffic was in the hands of Inspector Mann (No. 2. Station), and this energetic officer and his staff discharged what has been a really arduous duty in the most satisfactory manner, not one accident or mishap being reported.

The band of the West Yorks, conducted by Bandmaster Bentley, "played in front of the Grand Stand to-day and their excellent music was much enjoyed.

The results of the races are as follow:—

THE GLEN CUP; presented; second pony to receive 70 per cent. of the entrance fees; third 30 per cent. for all beaten subscription griffins of this season, 1865-67; placed ponies winning 7 lbs.; entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. Dryasdust's g. Gauntlet, 1st 12lb.

Capt. Hunt's 1st 12lb. Mr. Cox 2

The ponies kept neck and neck up to the half-mile post, when Sport came away, and at the Rock was a length ahead of Gauntlet. Capt. Hunt now set to work and gradually galloped him past Sport and won by two lengths. Time, 2 min. 17½ sec.

THE RED FISH CUP; presented; second pony to receive the entrance fees; for all beaten subscription griffins at this meeting; weight for inches as per scale; allowances:—Unplaced Derby griffins 5 lbs.; unplaced subscription griffins 7 lbs.; entrance \$5; fourth day winners barred. One mile and a half.

Mr. David's g. Focman, 1st 12lb.

Mr. Jones' 1st 12lb.

Mr. Derrick-Hunter's d. Blue-fir, 1st 12lb.

Mr. Master's 2

Mr. Tolo's br. Polo, 1st 12lb.

Mr. Sampson 3

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THE LUCKY CUP; presented; second pony to receive the entrance fees; for beaten Subscription Griffins of this season; weight for inches as per scale; allowances:—Unplaced Derby griffins 5 lbs.; unplaced subscription griffins 7 lbs.; entrance \$5; fourth day winners barred. Three-quarters of a mile.

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NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1897, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1896, and of approving by resolution of the proposed purchase of Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 171 and 172 and of the proposed extensions to Kowloon Marine Lot No. 27 and to Hung-Ham Marine Lot No. 28 on terms to be stated.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1897.

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ELEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above COMPANY will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the COMPANY, 38 & 39 Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd instant, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Governing Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 24th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,

HART BUCK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ELEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES No. 14, Praya Central, at 12 o'clock (noon) on TUESDAY, the 23rd February, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 23rd February, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1897.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Pedder's Street, on FRIDAY, the 26th day of February, 1897, at 12 o'clock of the clock in the afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD.,
Hongkong, 30th January, 1897.

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THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the INTEREST of DAKIN, CRUIKSHANK & Co., LIMITED, in the Business heretofore carried on by them at THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY CEASED and DETERMINED on the 15th instant.

Outstanding Accounts of DAKIN, CRUIKSHANK & Co., LIMITED before the 14th instant will be PAID by the Undersigned who will also Collect and Receive all Accounts DUE to the said Firm.

The BUSINESS will be carried on in the future under the Style of "THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY."

For "THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY,"
J. R. CAPELL,
Manager.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1897.

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THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

TENDERS are invited and will be received up to NOON of 31st March next, at the Offices of the Company, both in BRISBANE and SINGAPORE, for 10,000 CONTRIBUTING SHARES of £1 each Paid-up to 12d. per share in THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

Tenders, which should be sealed and inscribed "TENDER FOR UNALLOTTED SHARES," must quote a price in Sterling per Share for a minimum of 200 Shares or for any multiple of 200 Shares up to the maximum of 10,000 Shares and must be accompanied by 2d. fid. deposit per Share, which will be returned in case no Allotment is made.

SCRIPT will be issued on BRISBANE or SINGAPORE REGISTER to suit Purchaser.

The highest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

By Order of the Directors,

C. P. DERRICK,
Local Secretary.

Singapore, 1st February, 1897.

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THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

A DIVIDEND of ONE SHILLING per Share has been Declared PAYABLE on 15th March, 1897, in BRISBANE in respect of Shares on the Brisbane Register, and in SINGAPORE in respect of Shares on the Singapore Register.

Notice is hereby given that the SINGAPORE BRANCH REGISTER will be CLOSED from 1st to 15th March, 1897, inclusive.

Notice is also given that no Transfer of Shares from the BRISBANE REGISTER to the SINGAPORE REGISTER or vice versa will be given effect to after 2nd February, 1897, until 16th March, 1897.

By Order of the Directors,

C. P. DERRICK,
Local Secretary.

Singapore, 1st February, 1897.

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Proprietors,

Hongkong, 13th February, 1897.

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Hongkong, 10th February, 1897.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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STEAMERS.

"FAUSANG,"

Captain N. Morcur, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 22nd instant, at 4 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897.

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"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR MARSEILLES.

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STEAMERS.

"BULLMOUTH,"

Captain Davies, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 22nd instant.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1897.

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AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT).

STEAM TO SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

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STEAMERS.

"PROMETHEUS,"

Captain Day, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 1st March.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1897.

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

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STEAMERS.

"NINGCHOW,"

H. Willis Jones, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 15th March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1897.

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EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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STEAMERS.

"MARIA VALERIE,"

Captain A. Feller, will leave for the above places on or about the 22nd instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SANDER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1897.

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN (DIRECT).

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